

Ralph Balfe Manifesto

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Priorities statement: Education, Education, Ban the Tourists

Key Pledges

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- This would incentivise the building of a railway line between the airport and the city centre. And make loads of money to fund the rest of my pledges.
- The theme park would be based on the story of the Gospels and the history of Ireland and Trinity College Dublin. Attractions including:
 - The Resurrection Rollercoaster – just when you think you've done the final drop, you won't believe what happens next. The ride lasts for a full three days.
 - The Hagiography Hotel – Enjoy a relaxing and enriching stay in the company of the Saints. See the dragon slain by St George (admittedly it's actually just a cow with red wings), warm your cockles around the Joan of Arc bonfire, and leave your little ones at the Mother Teresa day care centre.
 - The Conor McGregor Go Kart Track.
- Locations under consideration:
 - Elmgreen Golf Club (not a real sport)
 - Dublin City University (not a real university)
 - National Botanic Gardens (just some plants we can put them somewhere else surely?)

2. Slash student rents in half by welcoming undisclosed corporate donations and unquestioned corporate sponsorship

- Because if you compromise on your principles once, why not do it all the time?

- Arms companies, Big Pharma, Dominoes, we don't care! If you've got cheddar, sling it our way! Academia is a good thing so if you fund it, you are good too!
- Flagship sponsorship would strengthen the existing relationship between Trinity College and the Dubai Royal Family, through the replacement of the Campanile with a **1:1 replica of the Burj Khalifa**.
 - Benefits: a Dublin tourist attraction (they can look from outside the gates); deals with the Knights of the Campanile; very pretty
 - One-third of the building will be licensed to the Dubai Royal Family; one-third will be student accommodation, driving rents down even further; and the final third will be new classrooms, ideally with the business school right at the top so they can feel like they've really made it while being as far as possible from everyone else
- Other potential corporate sponsorships:
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 - The Lockheed-Martin School of Engineering
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5. Get Paul Mescal to re-enroll as an undergraduate so that we can all be friends with him.

6. More to come - follow my campaign for more announcements!

To translate into Irish:

I'm now going to say something completely different in Irish. Mainly because I know you won't have been expecting me to be able to speak any Irish at all. So "ha!" Here I am. Education, education, ban the tourists. My name is Ralph. I like eating pizza. Our day will come.

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Little policies

- **Data centres - now that the old library has no books in it, fill the shelves with Google data processing centres. 3/5**
 - **Powered by solar panels all over the Burj Khalifa replica**
- **Incorporate UCD into the University of Dublin 4/5**
- **Ban improv 5/5**
- **GAA on campus - switch the locations of the rugby and GAA pitches. Trinity should be proud of its Irish sporting heritage and promote Irish sport as integral to modern Irish identity 5**
- **Build two statues of Elizabeth I and II**
- **Remove the S from PPES 4**
- **All online lectures must use a silly zoom filter 4**
- **Academic gowns to be worn at all times by students on campus 5**
- **Irish Music Officer - Build on the creation of the Irish Language Officer role and employ an Irish Music Officer who is responsible for a) simul-casting Trad interpretations of all songs played on TFM or any music played on campus 3**
- **Trinitones - hire a sex worker so that they can finally lose their virginity**
 - **Originally I was planning to ban them but this seems like a more compassionate move which would lead to them disbanding of their own free will 2**
- **TN paywall - put TN behind a paywall, all the best newspapers do this 4**
- **Only serve cheeky monkeys at the Pav (€1) 5**
- **Get Paul Mescal to re-enroll as an undergraduate so we can all be his friend 3**
- **Satellite campuses - establish these in every one of Dublin's twin cities: Barcelona, Beijing, Liverpool, San Jose and Ramallah. Every student able to take one semester 4**
- **Award for the Perch staff 5**

- They are really nice to me and they have to deal with soooo many tourists
 - Ban satire (especially the Piranha) 5
 - Because my presidency will be too serious to joke about
 - Rollies onlys - End the era of 'Tobacco free campus' and ban vapes
 - Loose puss* for suns (*it's pronounced 'poose')
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Ralph Balfe Manifesto - Irish Translation

Mana: Vótáil Sábháilte, Vóta Ralph* (*tugtar 'Rafe')

Ráiteas tosaíochtaí: Oideachas, Oideachas, Cosc ar Thurasóirí

Príomhghealltanais

1. Cosc ar thurasóirí.

· Téigh thar Eispéireas Leabhar Cheanannais agus tóg páirc théama Dhomhanda Leabhar Cheanannais (BKW) i dTuaisceart Bhaile Átha Cliath. Is féidir leis na turasóirí dul ann ina ionad.

· Dreasódh sé seo tógáil líne iarnróid idir an t-aerfort agus lár na cathrach. Agus déan go leor airgid chun an chuid eile de mo ghealltanais a mhaoiniú.

· Bheadh an pháirc téama bunaithe ar scéal na Soiscéal agus ar stair na hÉireann agus Choláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath. Díol spéise do thurasóirí lena n-áirítear:

o Rólchósta an Aiséirí – díreach nuair a cheapann tú go bhfuil an titim deiridh déanta agat, ní chreidfeá cad a tharlóidh ina dhiaidh sin. Maireann an turas ar feadh trí lá iomlán.

o The Hagiography Hotel – Bain sult as fanacht suaimhneach agus saibhrithe i gcuideachta na Naomh. Féach ar an dragan a maraíodh ag Naomh Seoirse (admhaigh nach bhfuil ann ach bó le sciatháin dearga), cuir do ruacain thart ar thine chnámh Joan of Arc, agus fág do chlann bheaga ag ionad cúram lae na Máthar Teresa.

o Rian Go Kart Conor McGregor.

· Suímh atá á mbreithniú:

o Club Gailf Elmgreen (ní fíor-spórt é)

o Ollscoil Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath (ní fíorollscoil í)

o Garraithe Náisiúnta na Lus (níl ach roinnt plandaí is féidir linn iad a chur áit éigin eile cinnte?)

2. Laghdaigh cíosanna mac léinn ina dhá leath trí fáilte a chur roimh thabhartais chorparáideacha nár nochtadh agus urraíocht chorparáideach gan cheist

· Mar má dhéanann tú comhréiteach ar do phrionsabail uair amháin, cén fáth nach ndéanann tú é an t-am ar fad?

· Cuideachtaí arm, Big Pharma, Dominoes, is cuma linn! Má tá cheddar agat, bígí linn! Is rud maith é Academia mar sin má dhéanann tú é a mhaoiniú, tá tú go maith freisin!

· Neartódh urraíocht shuaitheanta an caidreamh reatha idir Coláiste na Tríonóide agus an Teaghlach Ríoga i Dubai, trí mhacasamhail 1:1 den Burj Khalifa a chur in ionad an Campanile.

o Buntáistí: áit is díol spéise do thurasóirí i mBaile Átha Cliath (is féidir leo breathnú ón taobh amuigh de na geataí); déileálann sé le Ridirí na Campanile; an-dáthúil

o Beidh trian den fhoirgneamh ceadúnaithe do Theaghlach Ríoga Dubai; beidh aon trian ina chóiríocht do mhic léinn, ag tiomáint cíosa níos ísle fós; agus is seomraí ranga nua a bheidh sa tríú deiridh, go hidéalach agus an scoil ghnó ar an mbarr ionas gur féidir leo mothú go bhfuil siad déanta i ndáiríre agus iad chomh fada agus is féidir ó gach duine eile.

· Urraíocht chorparáideach fhéideartha eile:

o Tá athainmniú iar-leabharlann Berkeley leath bealaigh ann cheana féin. Molaim go mbeidh sé ina Leabharlann X, urraithe ag X (Twitter roimhe seo) (Leabharlann Berkeley roimhe seo). Nó an XLSxXFTFBL, mar ghearr.

o Seanleabharlann Coca-Cola

o Scoil Innealtóireachta Lockheed-Martin

o An Séipéal, urraithe ag Cadbury's - Tá gloine agus leath d'fhuil Chríost i ngach duine

3. Déan Coláiste na Tríonóide neodrach ó thaobh carbóin de trí 12 sequoias ollmhóra a chur ar pháirc na cruicéad

· Costas measta €700 milliún ach is féidir linn go léir dul i ngleic leis an tochailt.

Geallta eile

1. Uachtarán ar feadh lae

· Tionscnamh díreach daonlathais. Faigheann gach mac léinn a bheith ina Uachtarán ar SU ar feadh lae le sainordú iomlán chun aon bheartais is mian leo a leanúint. [Caveat: ós rud é a) ba mhaith liom a bheith i mo uachtarán i mo cheann féin ar feadh 6 mhí ar a laghad agus b) go bhfuil 18000+ mac léinn ann, go praiticiúil beidh an scéim seo níos mó cosúil le hUachtarán ar feadh 3 nóiméad 23 soicind, ach is cuma cad is féidir leat a fháil. déanta san am sin, formhuiním!]

2. Cumasc an Hist agus an Phil

3. Suiteáil míle pod codlata ar fud an champais

4. Babhtáil tí Linda Doyle

Tógfaidh mé Teach an Phropaist agus is féidir léi mo sheomra bosca bróg a bheith aici sa Phort Thoir. Tabharfaidh mé ómós do stair agus dínit an fhoirgnimh trí raves seachtainiúla chemsex a óstáil.

5. Iarr ar Paul Mescal athchlárú mar fhochéimí ionas gur féidir linn go léir a bheith cairdeach leis.

6. Tuilleadh le teacht - lean m'fheachtas le haghaidh tuilleadh fógraí!